



**AGENDA**  
**POWELL OPERATIONS COMMITTEE**  
**47 HALL STREET, POWELL, OH 43065**  
**COUNCIL CHAMBERS**  
**MONDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 2024**  
**5:30 PM**

**1. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL**

**2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

- a. Approval of the Minutes for the Operations Committee Meeting held on January 23, 2024.  
[operations-committee\\_minutes\\_summary 01.23.2024.pdf](#)

**3. TODAY'S BUSINESS**

- a. Introduction of New Members
  - i. Dee Miller
  - ii. Taylor Brown
- b. Police Technologies
  - i. Flock Program
- c. Charter Review Process and Discussion
- d. Defining Committee Charges
- e. Update on Eclipse - April 8, 2024
- f. Discussion on Pathways and Trails

**4. FUTURE BUSINESS**

- a. Legislative Calendar
- b. Other Business or Items of Discussion
- c. Next Meeting Date: March 20, 2024 (time to be determined)

**5. ADJOURNMENT**



**OPERATIONS COMMITTEE  
MEETING MINUTES  
JANUARY 23, 2024**

**1. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL**

Chairwoman Christina Drummond called the January 23, 2024, Operations Committee Meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Committee members present included Chairwoman Christina Drummond, Council Representative; Seth Camick, Citizen Representative, Heather Karr, Council Representative; Tyler Herrmann, Council Representative. Staff present included Ron Sallow, Police Chief, Audrey Wilt, Detective; Grant Crawford, Public Service Director; Mallory Sribanditmongkol; Strategic Communications Officer; Wesley Blake, IT Manager; Jason Nahvi, Human Resource Manager; Rosa Ocheltree, Finance Director, and Andrew White, City Manager.

**2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

- a. Approval of the Minutes from the Operations Committee Meeting held on November 21, 2023.

MOTION: Committee member Seth Camick moved to approve the Minutes from the Operations Committee Meeting held on November 21, 2023. Councilmember Heather Karr seconded. Motion passed.

VOTE:        Y-4            N-0            AB-0

**3. TODAY'S BUSINESS**

- a. Welcome

Chairwoman Christina Drummond provided a welcome to the Committee to the members and staff present.

- b. Committee Aspirations and Organization for 2024

Chairwoman Christina Drummond welcomed input from each member on their aspirations for the Committee. Councilmember Tyler Herrmann provided that he was happy to serve on the Committee and is waiting on final product from the goal setting session as he will use those goals as a guide for the Committee.

Councilmember Heather Karr discussed some items that she would like to see the Committee focus on including:

- Energy Aggregation and clean energy
- Energy Recuperation from solar structure
- EVC stations
- Solar permit process for Building Department

- General park improvements including a dog park
- Powell Pool
- Path inventory and the cost to make connectors to other jurisdictions
- Website accessibility of information with a focus on recreation and street maintenance
- Communication guidelines on interacting on social media

Committee member Seth Camick requested to reserve his comments until the Council goals are determined.

Chairwoman Christina Drummond discussed her priorities for the Committee:

- Formulate and document how committees function
- Find ways to support policy development
- Find operational efficiencies with township and other surrounding municipalities

City Manager Andrew White discussed that many of the items discussed are in the process and have had staff discussions including items such as energy aggregation, Powell Pool, pathway inventory and street maintenance, parking. He discussed the setting of a committee structure and help create objective that other committees can follow.

c. Council Goal Setting Process Update and Next Steps

City Manager Andrew White discussed that on January 6, 2024, City Council met and had a goal setting session that included the leadership team. The exercises that were participated in will guide the goals for staff and Council for the next two years. Staff is working on compiling the goals and will present back to Council.

d. 2024 Project Updates

1. Website

Strategic Communications Officer Mallory Sribanditmongkol and IT Manager Wesley Blake provided an update to the Committee on the status of the website design. They discussed that one of the changes is that the new program will have a form module online for easy access. The Committee was shown examples of the wireframe, and they discussed the timeline for completion of the project. Data was collected on the use of the current website and which pages are being accessed the most to help design the new website. Councilmember Tyler Herrmann questioned how access to the website will be on the phone compared to the use of a laptop or desktop. It was discussed that the site will be user friendly for multiple types of devices. Councilmember Heather Karr requested that there still be access to watch live meetings. Chairwoman Christina Drummond questioned community engagement on notifying residents of the new design and how to navigate. Finance Director Rosa Ocheltree discussed that the State of the City will be held in April and perhaps a sneak peek can be provided at the event. Councilmember Tyler Herrmann recommended a virtual tour video be uploaded to demonstrate how to use the new website.

2. Downtown Public Parking

City Manager Andrew White discussed the progress that has been made on downtown parking with the addition of Sean Hughes, Economic Development

Administrator. He discussed the opportunities to take private lots and have a shared parking agreement. He provided information on the recent discussions with CoHatch on a shared parking agreement and conversations with private lot owners.

e. Ongoing Operations Updates

1. Snow and Ice Removal

City Manager Andrew White recognized Public Service Director Grant Crawford and staff for their recent storm management. Public Service Director Grant Crawford discussed that there have been four weather events which have required a crew response. There are approximately 135 miles of streets that require maintenance during inclement weather, and he updated how shifts are arranged with a crew of 4. During single digit temperatures the salt effectiveness is reduced. Councilmember Heather Karr discussed that she received compliments from parents at Wyandot Elementary School that the roads upon entering the City of Powell from outside are much improved from the areas outside City limits.

2. Powell Police Hiring Status/Flock Cameras

Chief Ron Sallows provided an update on the hiring status of police. The department has been down five positions since September of 2023. Conditional offers have been extended for two of the positions, with a possible third one to be expected. A non-certified officer will be attending the Ohio Highway Patrol Academy. He also addressed retention and that there are a few officers eligible for retirement, but they have indicated their plans to stay on at this time.

Chief Ron Sallows and Detective Audrey Wilt provided information on the Flock Cameras and the trial program. Chief Ron Sallows discussed that Flock Cameras provide a fixed/stationary camera system with license plates readers. It can gather objective evidence and facts about vehicles only. It can provide real-time alerts when a stolen or wanted vehicle enters the City. There is no facial recognition or traffic enforcement. Video is only stored for 30 days. They discussed the current coverage of Flock Cameras in surrounding areas, especially in Delaware County. Olentangy Schools have installed several Flock cameras at some of their facilities. Data from cameras can be shared by other police departments. The Delaware County Sheriff Office plans to place a total of 50 cameras throughout the County in the next 3 years and discussed the placement of Phase 1 cameras. The City of Powell is looking at installing 10 cameras and determining potential locations. Cameras can be moved based on crime trends for a small fee if needed. Chairwoman Christina Drummond discussed the need for a privacy impact assessment and policy. Councilmember Heather Karr discussed if there are specific laws or safeguards in place to use the program compared to programs like LEADS. Detective Audrey Wilt discussed that there are requirements to access the data. It was discussed to come back before the Committee in February and legislation to Council. Councilmember Heather Karr questioned if ten cameras would be enough.

3. Event Planning

City Manager Andrew White discussed that the City partners with the Chamber of Commerce with the State of the City, however there is an opportunity to provide a standalone event for the City at the Columbus Zoo and Aquarium in early April. He also provided information that the events schedule is out, and that staff is starting the

initial planning of Powell Festival. Chairwoman Christina Drummond questioned the status of the contract with event planning and also wanted to look at an application form to showcase local talent at performing at events.

4. FUTURE BUSINESS

- a. Next Meeting Date: February 20, 2024

Chairwoman Christina Drummond invited feedback from the Committee members on the date and time for the meeting and discussed that if there is a need, additional meetings can be scheduled.

5. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Councilmember Heather Karr moved to adjourn the Operations Committee meeting. Seth Camick seconded. Motion passed. The Operations Committee meeting adjourned at 7:37 p.m.

VOTE:                    Y - 4                    N - 0                    AB-0

\_\_\_\_\_  
Christina Drummond, Chair                    Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Elaine McCloskey, Clerk                    Date

